UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

BROADCAST MUSIC, INC.; UNIVERSAL-SONGS OF POLYGRAM INTERNATIONAL, INC.; SONY/ATV)))
SONGS LLC d/b/a SONY/ATV TREE PUBLISHING; SONGS OF UNIVERSAL, INC.; BENEFIT MUSIC; UNCLE PETE))
MUSIC; CORAL REEFER MUSIC; WBM/HOUSE OF GOLD MUSIC, INC. d/b/a WARNER HOUSE OF MUSIC;)
POMMARD PUBLISHING CO.; MJ PUBLISHING TRUST d/b/a MIJAC MUSIC;))
BIG YELLOW DOG LLC d/b/a BIG YELLOW DOG MUSIC; TOKECO TUNES; SEVEN SUMMITS MUSIC d/b/a))
NASHVISTAVILLE SONGS; SONY/ATV SONGS LLC d/b/a SONY/ATV ACUFF ROSE MUSIC; CHAYLYNN MUSIC; OLE)))
MEDIA MANAGEMENT LP d/b/a OLE BLACK TO BLACK SONGS; I HOPE MOMMA'S LISTENING MUSIC;) CIVIL ACTION NO.:
WARNER-TAMERLANE PUBLISHING CORP.; INDIANA ANGEL MUSIC;)
SONY/ATV SONGS LLC, Plaintiffs,))
v.)
W.W. FAIRFIELDS CLUB, INC. d/b/a W.W. FAIRFIELDS and KELLY CAPLEY, individually,)))
Defendants.)

COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, by their attorneys, for their Complaint against Defendants, allege as follows (on knowledge as to Plaintiffs; otherwise on information and belief):

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This is a suit for copyright infringement under the United States Copyright Act of 1976, as amended, 17 U.S.C. Sections 101 et seq. (the "Copyright Act"). This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1338(a).
 - 2. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1400(a).

THE PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff Broadcast Music, Inc. ("BMI") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York. BMI's principal place of business is 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. BMI has been granted the right to license the public performance rights in approximately 10.5 million copyrighted musical compositions (the "BMI Repertoire"), including those which are alleged herein to have been infringed.
- 4. The Plaintiffs other than BMI are the owners of the copyrights in the musical compositions, which are the subject of this lawsuit. All Plaintiffs are joined pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 17(a) and 19(a).
- 5. Plaintiff Universal-Songs of Polygram International, Inc. is a corporation. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 6. Plaintiff Sony/ATV Songs LLC is a limited liability company doing business as Sony/ATV Tree Publishing. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 7. Plaintiff Songs of Universal, Inc. is a corporation. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
 - 8. Plaintiff Benefit Music is a sole proprietorship owned by Vincent Grant Gill. This

Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

- 9. Plaintiff Uncle Pete Music is a sole proprietorship owned by Peter A. Wasner. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 10. Plaintiff Coral Reefer Music is a sole proprietorship owned by James W. Buffett.

 This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 11. Plaintiff WBM/House of Gold Music, Inc. is a corporation doing business as Warner House of Music. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 12. Plaintiff Pommard Publishing Co. is a partnership owned by Richard K. Withers and John W. Conlee. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 13. Plaintiff MJ Publishing Trust is a Trust doing business as Mijac Music. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 14. Plaintiff Big Yellow Dog, LLC is a limited liability company doing business as Big Yellow Dog Music. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 15. Plaintiff Tokeco Tunes is a sole proprietorship owned by Toby Keith Covel. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 16. Plaintiff Seven Summits Music is a corporation doing business as Nashvistaville Songs. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 17. Plaintiff Sony/ATV Songs LLC is a limited liability company doing business as Sony/ATV Acuff Rose Music. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 18. Plaintiff Chaylynn Music is a sole proprietorship owned by Jennifer Kathleen Hanson. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

- 19. Plaintiff Ole Media Management LP is a limited partnership doing business as Ole Black To Black Songs. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 20. Plaintiff I Hope Momma's Listening Music is a sole proprietorship owned by Martin Edward Dodson. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 21. Plaintiff Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp. is a corporation. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 22. Plaintiff Indiana Angel Music is a sole proprietorship owned by Brantley Keith Gilbert. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 23. Plaintiff Sony/ATV Songs LLC is a limited liability company. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.
- 24. Defendant W.W. Fairfields Club, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Texas, which operates, maintains and controls an establishment known as W.W. Fairfields, located at 147 North Plano Road, Richardson, Texas 75081, in this district (the "Establishment").
- 25. In connection with the operation of the Establishment, Defendant W.W. Fairfields Club, Inc. publicly performs musical compositions and/or causes musical compositions to be publicly performed.
- 26. Defendant W.W. Fairfields Club, Inc. has a direct financial interest in the Establishment.
- 27. Defendant Kelly Capley is a Director of Defendant W.W. Fairfields Club, Inc. with responsibility for the operation and management of that corporation and the Establishment.

28. Defendant Kelly Capley has the right and ability to supervise the activities of Defendant W.W. Fairfields Club, Inc. and a direct financial interest in that corporation and the Establishment.

CLAIMS OF COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

- 29. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 28.
- 30. Since May, 2008, BMI has reached out to Defendants over 89 times, by phone, inperson visits, mail and email, in an effort to educate Defendants as to their obligations under the Copyright Act with respect to the necessity of purchasing a license for the public performance of musical compositions in the BMI repertoire. Included in the letters were Cease and Desist Notices, providing Defendants with formal notice that they must immediately cease all use of BMI-licensed music in the Establishment.
- 31. Plaintiffs allege ten (10) claims of willful copyright infringement, based upon Defendants' unauthorized public performance of musical compositions from the BMI Repertoire. All of the claims for copyright infringement joined in this Complaint are governed by the same legal rules and involve similar facts. Joinder of these claims will promote the convenient administration of justice and will avoid a multiplicity of separate, similar actions against Defendants.
- 32. Annexed to this Complaint as a schedule (the "Schedule") and incorporated herein is a list identifying some of the many musical compositions whose copyrights were infringed by Defendants. The Schedule contains information on the ten (10) claims of copyright infringement at issue in this action. Each numbered claim has the following eight lines of information (all references to "Lines" are lines on the Schedule): Line 1 providing the claim number; Line 2 listing

the title of the musical composition related to that claim; Line 3 identifying the writer(s) of the musical composition; Line 4 identifying the publisher(s) of the musical composition and the plaintiff(s) in this action pursuing the claim at issue; Line 5 providing the date on which the copyright registration was issued for the musical composition; Line 6 indicating the copyright registration number(s) for the musical composition; Line 7 showing the date(s) of infringement; and Line 8 identifying the establishment where the infringement occurred.

- 33. For each work identified on the Schedule, the person(s) named on Line 3 was the creator of that musical composition.
- 34. For each work identified on the Schedule, on or about the date(s) indicated on Line 5, the publisher(s) named on Line 4 (including any predecessors in interest), complied in all respects with the requirements of the Copyright Act and received from the Register of Copyrights Certificates of Registration bearing the number(s) listed on Line 6.
- 35. For each work identified on the Schedule, on the date(s) listed on Line 7, Plaintiff BMI was (and still is) the licensor of the public performance rights in the musical composition identified on Line 2. For each work identified on the Schedule, on the date(s) listed on Line 7, the Plaintiff(s) listed on Line 4 was (and still is) the owner of the copyright in the respective musical composition listed on Line 2.
- 36. For each work identified on the Schedule, on the date(s) listed on Line 7, Defendants publicly performed and/or caused to be publicly performed at the Establishment the musical composition identified on Line 2 without a license or permission to do so. Thus, Defendants have committed copyright infringement.
- 37. The specific acts of copyright infringement alleged in the Complaint, as well as Defendants' entire course of conduct, have caused and are causing Plaintiffs great and incalculable

damage. By continuing to provide unauthorized public performances of works in the BMI

Repertoire at the Establishment, Defendants threaten to continue committing copyright

infringement. Unless this Court restrains Defendants from committing further acts of copyright

infringement, Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable injury for which they have no adequate remedy at

law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that:

(I) Defendants, their agents, servants, employees, and all persons acting under their

permission and authority, be enjoined and restrained from infringing, in any manner, the

copyrighted musical compositions licensed by BMI, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. Section 502;

(II) Defendants be ordered to pay statutory damages, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. Section 504(c);

(III) Defendants be ordered to pay costs, including a reasonable attorney's fee, pursuant to

17 U.S.C. Section 505; and

(IV) Plaintiffs have such other and further relief as is just and equitable.

Dated: November 18, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

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